

HOUSE No. 2703

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, petition of John W. Scibak and others relative to the use of latex gloves or utensils by food handlers. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

John W. Scibak
Shirley Gomes

Nancy L. DiRocco

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ALL LATEX GLOVES AND PRODUCTS BY PERSONS WHO HANDLE FOOD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Offi-
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 307B
3 the following section:—

4 Sec 307C— Any person engaged in wholly or in part in the
5 production, manufacturing, processing, storing and/or offering or
6 exposing any article of food for consumption, and whose duties
7 and activities involve handling and contact with food at any stage
8 during the process, shall not use natural latex rubber gloves or
9 utensils containing natural rubber latex.

10 If the Department of Health finds, after notice and due opportu-
11 nity for hearing, that any establishment, group or vendor is not in
12 compliance with the provisions of this section, it may assess civil
13 penalties in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500),
14 and may be subject to any and all penalties provided for in
15 General Laws which regulate said industry, including revocation
16 of licenses.